

MALTA - A DIARY

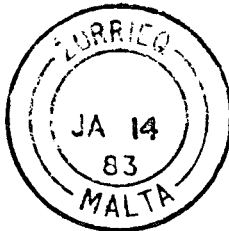
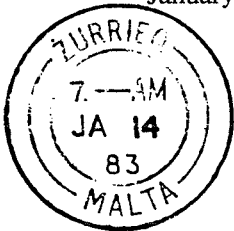
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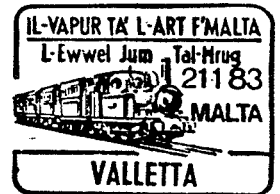
- 9-1-83 I am sorry to start my diary for 1983 on a sad note. It was announced to-day that Mr. S. V. Psaila, the Postmaster General, died suddenly at St. Luke's Hospital, at the age of 60. He was appointed P.M.G. on January 1st 1982.
- 14-1-83 Three new metal hand date-stamps were put in use on Friday, 14th January, 1983, as follows:

B.P.O.	No. of hand-stamps	Inscription
Zurrieq	2	Zurrieq - Malta
Valletta	1	Valletta B.P.O. - Malta

The three metal hand date-stamps, which were replaced, were withdrawn from use at the close of business on Thursday, 14th. January, 1983



- 21-1-83 "Malta Railway" set issued to-day. A special hand postmark incorporating a line drawing of a train, was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail, on the first day of issue.



- 10-2-83 On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the introduction of the Public Lotto, a machine stamp cancelling slogan, was used, on and off, during the period 10th.-17th. February, 1983, at the Central Mail Room, Castille Place, Valletta. The slogan reads: "Lottu - Eghluq Is-60 Sena - 1923-83". The inscription means: "Lotto - 60th Anniversary - 1923-1983".

- 10-2-83 A special hand-postmark, to mark the Silver Jubilee Year of the Lions Club (Malta) was used on the 10th, 11th, and 12th, February, 1983, at the :-

Philatelic Counter G.P.O. Valletta
 from 8.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.
 Central Mail Room, Castille Place, Valletta
 from 8.00 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

The special hand-postmark is inscribed:
 "1958 - 1983 Lions Club Malta - We Serve" and "Malta Post Office -
 10-12 Feb 1983".



1958 - 1983
LIONS CLUB
MALTA
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The Logo of the Lions International and a Maltese Cross are also incorporated in the postmark.

- 21-2-83 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:
"Ma Nismax - Nifhem - Nhoss" was used from the 21st. to the 26th. February, 1983, at the Central Mail Room. The slogan means: "Cannot Hear - I understand - I Feel".
- 14-3-83 "Commonwealth Day" set issued to-day.
A special hand postmark also incorporating the Commonwealth Symbol, was used on the first day of issue.
- 28-3-83 A machine cancelling slogan reading:
"Kburin Bil-Helsien 31 Ta' Marzu, 1979, was used on the 28th, 29th, 30th March 1983, at the Central Mail Room. The slogan means: "Proud of Our Freedom - 31st March 1979".
- 4-4-83 A machine stamp cancelling slogan inscribed: "10th Anniversary Airmalta" was used from the 4th to the 9th April, 1983, at the Central Mail Room.
- 6-4-83 A special hand-postmark was used at the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O. and at the Central Mail Room, Valletta, from 8.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. on the 6th April, 1983. The hand-postmark is inscribed: "Airmalta 10th Anniversary - 1973-1983 - Valletta Malta".



AUSIPEX 84

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The Malta Commissioner for AUSIPEX 84 is Mr. Godwin Said of "Scorpio", 114 Tower Road, Sliema, from whom provisional entry forms can be obtained. Completed provisional entry forms must reach the Malta Commissioner by not later than 1st December, 1983.